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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

SIR:

This is responsive to the Office Action mailed January 4, 2007, the term for response to which is extended by one month by Petition filed concurrently herewith to expire on May 4, 2007.

Amendments to the Claims are set forth in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. Claims 1-15 are canceled; claims 16-18, 20 and 21 are maintained; and claim 19 is amended.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.

This paper is being submitted via EFS-Web on May 3, 2007

In the event that this Paper is late filed, and the necessary petition for extension of time is not filed concurrently herewith, please consider this as a Petition for the requisite extension of time, and to the extent not already paid, authorization to charge the extension fee to Account No. 06-1378. In addition, authorization is hereby given to charge any fees for which payment has not been submitted, or to credit any overpayments, to Account No. 06-1378.